

Department of Homeland Security

Protective Measures Training for
Security Officers, Mid-Level Safety/Security Supervisors,
and Property Managers
Course Syllabus











### **Background/Course Description:**

This two day Protective Measures course offered to security officers, mid-level safety/security supervisors, and property managers in public/private sectors is designed to provide students with the knowledge to identify vulnerabilities and select appropriate Protective Measures for their unique facility. The course focuses on providing information pertaining to common vulnerabilities, available Protective Measures, and strategies for selecting appropriate Protective Measures. Students spend 16 hours in the classroom during which time instructors present information and students participate in various in-class activities and practical exercises designed to reinforce learning.

Each day of instruction is a full day. Students break for lunch.

# Scope of Training:

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to determine which Protective Measures are most appropriate for their facility.

# Level of Training:

Performance

Instructor to Student Ratio for all Modules: 2:35

### **Program Evaluation Strategy:**

A level 1 exit questionnaire is used to capture participants' "reaction" to training.

# **Participant Resource Requirements:**

Informal Student Handouts (supplementary information)
Notional Case Studies
Protective Measures Implementation Student Worksheet
Pen/Pencil

### Day 1

### Module 1

Title: Administrative – Introductions/Course Overview Student Activity: Course Expectations – What's in it for me?

Time Required: 1 hour

#### Scope:

This module allows the instructor to present administrative information, make introductory remarks, and describe the course and how the course is conducted over the coming days.

#### **Terminal Learning Objectives:**

Students will be able to prepare in accordance with the course schedule and all expectations.

### **Enabling Objective:**

Recall the course schedule and student and instructor expectations.

Module 2

Title: Threat Analysis

**Student Activities:** Sector Threat / Threat Objectives / Potential Targets

Time Required: 3 hours

# Scope:

This module of instruction covers types of groups posing threats, targeting objectives, history and types of attacks, threat versus hazard, and types of targets. Students engage in a brainstorming activity before the instructor introduces the specifics related to each topic.

### **Module 2 Terminal Objective:**

Upon completion of this module of instruction, students will be able to recognize by what type of threats their facility may be targeted, why, and by what methods they might be attacked.

# **Enabling Objectives:**

- 1. Explain threat versus hazard
- 2. Recall types of groups posing threats
- 3. Discuss targeting objectives
- 4. Discuss attack history and methods
- 5. Identify types of targets

Module 3

**Title:** Terrorist Planning

**Student Activities:** Attack Planning / Potential Attack Indicators **Practical Exercise:** Identify Potential / Imminent Attack Indicators

Notional Case Study Part 1

Time Required: 1.5 hours

#### Scope:

During this module, instructors focus on the seven-step terrorist planning cycle, awareness, and potential indicators of criminal/terrorist activity.

#### **Module 3 Terminal Objective:**

Upon completion of this module of instruction, students will be able to recall potential indicators of criminal/terrorist activity.

### **Enabling Objectives:**

- 1. Explain the seven-step terrorist planning cycle
- 2. Recognize the importance of security awareness
- 3. Identify Potential/Imminent Attack Indicators

# Module 4

**Title:** Facility Vulnerability Analysis (FVA)

Student Activity: FVA Time Required: 2.5 hours

### Scope:

In this module, the focus is on conducting the FVA based on hostile objectives to include locating surveillance and counter-surveillance locations, facility security, facility access, facility construction, target dynamics, and secondary targets.

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# **Module 4 Terminal Objective:**

Given a facility type, students will determine vulnerabilities and how attackers might exploit the vulnerabilities.

# **Enabling Objectives:**

- 1. Determine appropriate Protective Measures
- 2. Discuss why it is necessary to conduct a FVA
- 3. Explain how to conduct a FVA and how to prioritize any identified vulnerabilities

# Day 2

Module 5

**Title:** Protective Measures

**Practical Exercise:** Implementation of Protective Measures

Notional Case Study Part 2

Implementation of Protective Measures

**Notional Facility** 

Culminating Exercise: Identify Appropriate Protective Measures -

Individual Commercial Facilities PM Identification / Justification

Time: 8 hours

# Scope:

In this module, the purpose for implementing Protective Measures is explored. Also discussed are the Rings of Security, Homeland Security Advisor System, types of Protective Measures, and how to determine which types to implement based on facility type, specific threats, and availability of resources.

### **Terminal Objective:**

Upon completion of this module of instruction, students will be able to determine specific Protective Measures corresponding to HSAS level for a notional or their own facility.

# **Enabling Objectives:**

- 1. Recall purposes for implementing Protective Measures
- 2. Discuss Rings of Security
- 3. Recall nine types of Protective Measures
- 4. Determine appropriate Protective Measures corresponding to HSAS levels